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Applicant: JOACHIM HAGMEIER et al. : Group Art Unit: 2132
Serial No.: 09/459,290 : Examiner: Joseph M. McCardle
Filed: December 17, 1999 : May 3, 2004
Confirmation No.: 9966 : William A. Kinnaman, Jr.
Title: DEVICE AND METHOD FOR : International Business Machines Corporation
ADMINISTRATION OF IDENTIFYING : 2455 South Road, Mail Station P386
CHARACTERISTICS : Poughkeepsie, NY 12601

AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL REJECTION

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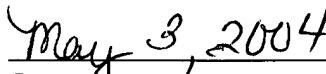
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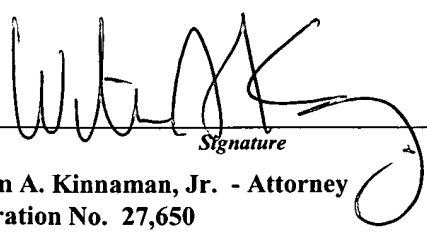
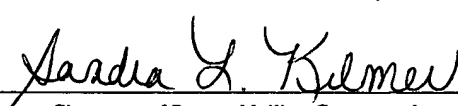
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Applicant(s): J. Hagmeier et al EXPEDITED PROCEDURE UNDER 37 CFR 1.116					
Serial No. 09/459,290	Filing Date December 17, 1999	Examiner J. M. McCardle	Group Art Unit 2132		
Invention: Device and Method For Administration of Identifying Characteristics					
<u>TO THE COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS:</u>			RECEIVED MAY 07 2004 Technology Center 2100		
Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application. The fee has been calculated and is transmitted as shown below.					
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INDEP. CLAIMS	-	3 =	0 x	\$86.00	\$0.00
Multiple Dependent Claims (check if applicable) <input type="checkbox"/>					\$0.00
TOTAL ADDITIONAL FEE FOR THIS AMENDMENT					\$0.00
<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"><div><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No additional fee is required for amendment. <input type="checkbox"/> Please charge Deposit Account No. 09-0463 in the amount of <input type="checkbox"/> A check in the amount of to cover the filing fee is enclosed. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The Director is hereby authorized to charge payment of the following fees associated with this communication or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 09-0463 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Any additional filing fees required under 37 C.F.R. 1.16. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Any patent application processing fees under 37 CFR 1.17.</div><div style="text-align: right;">Dated: May 3, 2004</div></div> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; margin-top: 20px;"><div> Signature William A. Kinnaman, Jr. - Attorney Registration No. 27,650 IBM Corporation - M/S P386 2455 South Road Poughkeepsie, NY 12601 (845) 433-1175</div><div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 10px; width: 40%; text-align: center;"><div>I certify that this document and fee is being deposited on 05/03/2004 with the U.S. Postal Service as first class mail under 37C.F.R. 1.8 and is addressed to the for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.</div><div style="margin-top: 20px;"> Signature of Person Mailing Correspondence Sandra L. Kilmer Typed or Printed Name of Person Mailing Correspondence</div></div></div> <div style="margin-top: 20px;">cc:</div>					